

2. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1 wherein the passage has a capacity great enough to contain liquid without any of said liquid reaching an exit of said cup and therefore spilling.

3. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passage has a volume that is greater than the maximum value of  $H \times V$ .

4. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detachable member is in the form of a plug which fits into the inside of the spout and is sealingly engaged thereto.

5. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug has an elongate channel on its surface which, in cooperation with the inside of the spout, forms the passage.

6. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 5, wherein the channel is formed on the inside of the spout or on both the spout and the plug.

7. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is easily removable and replaceable by a user to enable the passage to be exposed for mechanical cleaning.

8. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is made from a resiliently compressible material, such as an elastomer.

9. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid has a spout located eccentrically so as to be convenient for drinking from.

10. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 9 wherein the spout is in the shape of a truncated cone, with a small bore at the top, and a detachable member, in the form of a plug, that has a helical channel around its exterior surface and has an outline matching an inside of a cavity of the spout.

11. (Once Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diameter of the passage is such that air is prevented from entering past the liquid and wherein said diameter has a maximum diameter of approximately 3mm.

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